

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Industrial Permit Process For New Permit (FINAL)**

Applicant **Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology)** **Public or Other Interested Party**

Application Phase

Review and Permit Decision Phase

Issuance and Appeal Phase

Start

Applicant reviews activities requiring NPDES permit (triggering mechanisms and exemptions) **(A)**

not required → **No Permit Required**

required → **Applicant** submits application, cover letter, engineering report as necessary and fee to Ecology **(B)**

Ecology notifies Applicant in writing for receipt of application and estimates time for completion of permit **(Variable)**

Ecology reviews application for completeness

Complete → **Ecology** prepares Public Notice of Application (PNOA) for public review

Incomplete → **Ecology** requests resubmittal

Public reviews PNOA **(30 Days)**

Ecology reviews/inspects source and evaluates completeness of information **(Variable)**

Incomplete → **Ecology** requests supplemental information

Complete → **Ecology** evaluates discharge for conventional, non-conventional, and toxic pollutants (Reasonable Potential to Pollute)

Applicant prepares Supplemental Information

Ecology develops technology-based and water quality-based effluent limits. They may include best management practices. The most stringent limit or requirement is placed in the permit.

Ecology develops Special Conditions and Monitoring Requirements

Ecology prepares Permit, Fact Sheet and supporting documentation

Applicant conducts first review of proposed NPDES Permit **(30 Days)**

Ecology issues Public Notice of Draft (PNOD). Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are posted on the internet and mailed to interested parties. **(30 Days Federal Review)**

Public can submit written comments relating to application to Ecology **(30 Days)**

Ecology responds to public comments and may modify the permit conditions.

Public can request public hearing from Ecology

Ecology issues **Final NPDES Permit**

Applicant can appeal decision to Washington Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB)

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